

CHAPTER 3

I. SERVICES AND PROGRAMS - 2003

Clinical Services: all local public health agencies in Missouri offer influenza and pneumonia vaccinations. Other adult and childhood immunizations are offered by 98% of local agencies, and 90% provide WIC services. The majority of agencies (61%) provided family planning services during the preceding year. Forty-one percent (41%) of agencies provide breast and cervical cancer screening; and about one quarter of agencies (27%) provide well child exams. A few local agencies (11%) offer dental sealants, and 13% offer other dental health services. Fewer agencies offer primary care than any of the clinical services listed, with only 7% offering services that meet the definition “sick and well care for people of all ages.” (See Graphs 5.1.1 and Data Tables 5.1.1)

Screening and Testing: 99% of local public health agencies test for tuberculosis. Screening or testing for lead, hypertension, HIV, and pregnancy are performed by 90% or more of agencies. Over 80% of agencies screen for diabetes and sexually transmitted diseases. Only 7% of agencies screen for speech problems; however, over 60% screen for vision or hearing problems, do cholesterol screening, and conduct screenings for schools.

Twenty-seven (27) more agencies report that they perform screening for sexually transmitted diseases than did in the previous year, and 8 additional agencies reportedly do lead testing. (See Graphs 5.1.2 and Data Tables 5.1.2)

Other Services and Programs: all local public health agencies provide environmental health services. Ninety percent (90%) or more of agencies provide nutritional counseling, refer women for prenatal care, offer assistance for people with disability or language barriers to access care, inspect child care facilities, and help clients with MC+ applications. Other programs and services offered by a majority of agencies (greater than 50%) include home visits for newborn infants, prenatal case management, cancer screening, consultation in child care facilities, tobacco use prevention, issuance of temporary Medicaid cards, and women’s health.

Thirty-six (36) more agencies report that they assist people with disability or language barriers than in 2002, and 28 more agencies are involved in tobacco use prevention activities. (See Graphs 5.1.3 and Data Tables 5.1.3)